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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER VISITS EC COMMISSION

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1. NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER ROWLING MET WITH EC COMMISSIONERS SOAMES, LARDINOIS AND GUNDELACH ON FEBRUARY 17 AND GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS ON FEBRUARY 18. WHILE ROWLING IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE SAID "I HAVE COME HERE MAINLY TO REINFORCE NEW ZEALAND'S RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE," IN HIS MEETING WITH THE COMMISSIONERS HE EMPHASIZED NEW ZEALAND'S CONCRETE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUED PREFERENTIAL ACCESS FOR BUTTER AND CHEESE INTO THE UK AFTER 1977, FOR REVISED PRICES FOR THESE PRODUCTS, AND FOR BETTER ACCESS FOR NEW ZEALAND LAMB AND MUTTON. ROWLING ALSO SUGGESTED THAT INSTEAD OF SEPARATE BUTTER AND CHEESE QUOTAS A SINGLE MILK EQUIVALENT QUOTA FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

2. BOTH THE NEW ZEALAND MISSION AND A COMMISSION SOURCE AGREE THAT ROWLING GOT A STIFF RECEPTION FROM THE COMMISSIONERS.

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THE COMMISSION ARGUED THAT IT WAS FAR TOO EARLY TO DEVELOP

PROPOSALS FOR THE TREATMENT OF NEW ZEALAND DAIRY PRODUCTS POST-1977. THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZED THAT A REVIEW OF THE BUTTER ISSUE WAS CALLED FOR IN 1975 BY PROTOCOL 18 TO THE ACCESSION TREATIES. HOWEVER, THIS REVIEW WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL 1974 DATA WERE AVAILABLE. THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT IT HAD, AS OF JANUARY 1, ADJUSTED UPWARD THE PRICES FOR NEW ZEALAND BUTTER AND CHEESE BY 18 PERCENT (REF B). AS FOR LAMB AND MUTTON, THE COMMUNITY HAD NO FORMAL PROPOSALS TO MAKE, BUT IT BORE IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE TO NEW ZEALAND OF THIS TRADE.

3. THE NEW ZEALANDERS, DESPITE THE LACK OF CONCRETE RESULTS, SAY THEY DERIVED SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE TALKS. OUR COMMISSION SOURCE THINKS IT PROBABLE THAT THE UK WILL RAISE THE ISSUE OF NEW ZEALAND AGRICULTURAL TRADE IN A COUNCIL MEETING OR MEETINGS IN MARCH, EITHER THE SCHEDULED FOREIGN AND AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS' MEETINGS OF EARLY MARCH OR AT THE DUBLIN "SUMMIT". HE SUPPOSES THAT THE MEMBER STATES WILL PRODUCE A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COMMUNITY'S GOODWILL TOWARDS NEW ZEALAND AND ITS INTENTION TO LOOK FURTHER AT THE MATTER.

4. A UK MISSION SOURCE HAS GIVEN US THE SAME IMPRESSION EMBASSY LONDON HAS RECEIVED FROM FCO SOURCES -- THAT WILSON SEEMS TO HAVE SOME DEEP PERSONAL FEELINGS REGARDING NEW ZEALAND. OUR SOURCE SAYS THAT THE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING AN ACCESS GUARANTEE FOR NEW ZEALAND IS COMPLICATED BY NEW ZEALAND'S RELUCTANCE TO OFFER SUPPLY ASSURANCES. GREENWALD

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